

Amendments to the claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A system of personal and business web cards, comprising a server having at least a search engine, at least one database storing personal and business contact information including but not limited to names, telephone numbers, addresses and additional background information, a plurality of public users' apparatus capable of accessing the server and the database through the Internet, wherein said information are arranged in a hierarchical tree and denoted with a Hash table, and wherein the server and the corresponding database are constructed such that the search engine perform not only an accurate search but also a fuzzy search, through which an inquiry is first broken down into ~~a plurality of words~~ by dividing a stream of characters of the inquiry into all possible meaningful words composed of the characters of the inquiry in accordance with predetermined rules as stored in a memory of the database.
 2. (Currently amended) A The system of claim 1, wherein said server is connected to the users through any portal of ISP, ASP and LAN.
 3. (Currently amended) A The system of claim 1, wherein the server and database receive a the search inquiry from inputting means, and the search engine of the server includes processing means, and control means, and conducts the search first in accordance with the Hash table.
 4. (Currently amended) A The system of claim 1, wherein said accurate search is performed through the Hash table and the hierarchical tree structure, in which nodes ~~along the route~~ from the Hash table to the hierarchical tree ~~constitute the~~ corresponding to characters of the inquiry matching the entry of the personal and business contact information.
 5. (Currently amended) A The system of claim 4, wherein the Hash table contains pointers₁ at the nodes₁ directing to the personal and business contact information stored in a memory of the database.

6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) A The system of claim 6 1, wherein each of the divided characters match automatically with web card names, additional information, with respect to the personal and business contact information.
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8. (Currently amended) A method of managing personal and business contact information at a remote location, that is accessible through the Internet, comprising the steps of:
- a) providing at least one server having at least one search engine, and a database;
 - b) storing personal and business contact information in said database, including but not limited to names, telephone numbers, addresses and additional background information;
 - c) entering a search inquiry through one of a plurality of Internet accessible users' apparatus;
 - d) analyzing the inquiry with an analyzer with predetermined rules stored therein, and breaking down the inquiry into a predetermined number of words by converting characters of said inquiry into meaningful words in accordance with predetermined rules before running the search; and
 - e) running said words by the search engine through said database to get a collection of search result, wherein said personal and business contact information are arranged in a hierarchical tree and denoted with a Hash table.
9. (Currently amended) A The method of claim 8, wherein said personal and business contact information is encoded into Unicode, that corresponds to a standard set of characters of a native language.
10. (Currently amended) A The method of claim 9, wherein the Hash table contains a table of all entries of the Unicode characters, and each entry corresponds to a branch of said hierarchical tree.

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11. (Currently amended) A The method of claim 8, wherein at each of nodes from said Hash table to corresponding branches of said hierarchical tree, a pointer is provided to direct to a piece of the corresponding personal and business contact information.
12. (Currently amended) A The method of claim 8, further comprising a step of converting characters of said inquiry into corresponding phonetic spelling words in accordance with predetermined rules ~~when the inquiry contains phonetic-alphabetic letters~~ before running the search.
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